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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 22-32 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-166/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 12-18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Karpman '481.

Regarding claim 1, Karpman discloses a method of making mountable devices comprising the steps of simultaneously mounting terminals (fig. 8, 30) of a terminal bearing element (20) to a plurality of spaced-apart caps (22, which covers surface of substrate 10, thus considered a "cap") projecting upwardly from a main surface of at least a portion of a wafer (10), the spaced-apart caps defining a plurality of channels between the caps (figs. 7 & 8, channels formed between repeating caps 22); and electrically connecting the terminals mounted on the caps to the wafer by means of leads (fig. 13, lead 40) extending to contacts (14) on the wafer disposed in the channels.

Regarding claim 2, the reference further discloses the terminal-bearing element (fig. 8, 30) to include the lead (fig. 13, 40), and bonding the leads to the contacts (14).

Regarding claim 3, the reference further discloses the leads to be aligned with the channels (lead 40 must be aligned with channel/contact 14 in order to electrically connect to contact).

Regarding claim 4, the reference further discloses the leads (fig. 13, 40) to extend at a level above the contacts (14), and the leads bend down to engage the contact.

Regarding claim 5, the reference further discloses the leads to be elongated and performing the assembly step so that at least some of the leads are aligned with channels extending co-directionally with such leads (elongated lead 40 must be aligned with channel/contact 14 in order to electrically connect to contact).

Regarding claim 7, the reference further discloses severing the wafer in the channels (fig. 16) to form a plurality of units, each unit containing a cap, a terminal, and a contact.

Regarding claim 8, the reference further discloses the terminal-bearing element to include a dielectric layer, the terminals and the leads being supported by the dielectric element prior to the assembling step (fig. 11, dielectric layer 34 supports terminal 32 and lead 40).

Regarding claim 10, the reference further discloses the terminal-bearing element has at least some of the terminals electrically connected to one another prior to the assembling step, the severing step being performed so as to sever at least some connections between the terminals (fig. 12, terminals are separated from each other).

Regarding claim 12, the reference further discloses the wafer to include a plurality of MEMS devices (fig. 7, 12), and the caps to cover the MEMS devices (cap 22 laterally covers element 12).

Regarding claim 13, Karpman discloses a method of making electronic devices comprising the steps of simultaneously mounting a plurality of terminals (fig. 8, 30) of a terminal bearing element (20) to a structure (22) defining an upper surface (top surface of element 22) above a main surface of at least a portion of a wafer (substrate 10), the structure having depressions (figs. 7 & 8, depressions formed between repeating structures 22) extending toward the main surface of the wafer from the upper surface and contacts (fig. 8, 14) in the depressions; and electrically connecting the terminals mounted on the upper surface to the wafer by means of leads (fig. 13, lead 40) extending to contacts (14) on the wafer disposed in the channels.

Regarding claim 14, the reference further discloses the terminal-bearing element (fig. 8, 30) to include the lead (fig. 13, 40), and bonding the leads to the contacts (14).

Regarding claim 15, the reference further discloses the leads to be aligned with the depressions (lead 40 must be aligned with depression/contact 14 in order to electrically connect to contact).

Regarding claim 16, the reference further discloses the leads (fig. 13, 40) to extend at a level above the contacts (14), and the leads bend down to engage the contact.

Regarding claim 17, the reference further discloses severing the wafer (fig. 16) to form a plurality of units.

Regarding claim 18, the reference further discloses the terminal-bearing element to include a dielectric layer, the terminals and the leads being supported by the dielectric element prior to the assembling step (fig. 11, dielectric layer 34 supports terminal 32 and lead 40).

Regarding claim 20, the reference further discloses the terminal-bearing element has at least some of the terminals electrically connected to one another prior to the assembling step, the severing step being performed so as to sever at least some connections between the terminals (fig. 12, terminals are separated from each other).

Regarding claim 21, the reference discloses the structure defining the upper surface includes a plurality of spaced apart caps (22, which covers surface of substrate 10, thus considered a "cap"), defining the depressions as channels extending between the caps (figs. 7 & 8, channels formed between repeating caps 22).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karpman '481.

a. Regarding claim 6, Karpman discloses all of the elements of the claim(s) as set forth above, but the reference does not explicitly disclose the channels to include wide channels and narrow channels. However, figure 6 of Karpman

shows cap-sealing layer 22 would form channels to sides of the device 12 having contacts 14, as well as channels above and below device 12 that do not have contacts. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the channels without contacts as narrow as possible to reduce the area consumed by a device, thus allowing more devices per wafer to be manufactured.

b. Regarding claim 11, Karpman discloses all of the elements of the claim(s) as set forth above, but the reference does not explicitly disclose the MEMS device to be an acoustically active device. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form an acoustically active MEMS device because such devices were a well-known species of MEMS devices.

5. Claims 9 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karpman '481 in view of Haba et al. '910.

Karpman discloses all of the elements of the claims as set forth above, but the reference does not explicitly teach using a lead frame. Haba et al. teaches a method of making electrical connections in microelectrical devices using breakable lead frame sections, wherein the lead frame terminal is mounted on top of the device (fig. 12; col. 11, lines 17-20); the lead frame is supported by a dielectric layer (fig. 12, 112); the terminals (118, 130) are separated from each other by severing the leads (128) and bending the leads to engage with the contacts in the channels (172).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the lead frame system of Haba et al. to electrically connect the MEMS device of Karpman. One would have been motivated to do this because using a lead-frame to electrically connect devices to peripheral circuitry was well known to be a faster process than using individual wire bonds, thus improving the manufacturing process and reducing the cost of manufacturing.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Karpman does not teach plurality of spaced apart caps because element 20 is a single, continuous wafer. However, it was the examiner's position that the "caps" of Karpman were element 22 that cover the wafer 10 and are therefore considered caps. Claim 1 does not recite any structural limitations for the "cap" other than "projecting upwardly from the main surface" and "defining a plurality of channels between the caps", both of which elements 22 do as set forth in the rejection above. Claim 1 is written broadly enough to be anticipated by this disclosure of Karpman.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 3 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Karpman does not teach performing the assembly step so as to position the leads at least partially in alignment with the channel. This argument is not persuasive because Karpman teaches assembling the leads (fig. 13, 40) in alignment with the channel formed between the plurality of caps 22. The

wafer is diced into separate devices after the leads are formed in the channels (fig. 16), therefore the dicing would not damage the leads as the Applicant contends.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 13 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Similar to the arguments for claim 1, Applicant argues that Karpman does not teach plurality of spaced apart caps because element 20 is a single, continuous wafer.

The Examiner notes that claim 13 only requires terminals to be mounted to a "structure defining an upper surface above a main surface of at least a portion of a wafer", and does not require any limitations directed toward a cap. Karpman teaches mounting terminals 30 to "structure" 22, and therefore Karpman anticipates claim 13 as written. Assuming the limitations of claim 21 of the "structure defining the upper surface includes a plurality of spaced apart caps" were being argued, the argument would not be persuasive for the same reasons as the response for claim 1 set forth above.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven J. Fulk whose telephone number is (571)272-8323. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sue Purvis can be reached on (571) 272-1236. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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